

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A device for scanning a document includes a photoelectric conversion unit which scans a document, and supplies image data of the scanned document, a  
5 background detecting unit which detects a background level of the image data, an image processing unit which applies one or more types of image processing to the image data, and applies image processing identical to the one or more types of image processing to the  
10 detected background level, and a background removal unit which removes background noise from the image data having undergone the image processing according to a threshold that is derived from the background level having undergone the image processing.